

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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Opportunities For The Young People

Vivian Haworth

By request of my aunt, Mrs. Bertie Harrison, I have recently prepared a lesson on the above subject for The Lighted Pathway of which she is editor. Realizing the greatness of the word "opportunity," I decided I would also write an article to the Evangel.

As the bells began to ring, notifying us that the year 1930 had forever sped into eternity, I wonder how many of us shed tears of sorrow, thinking of the golden opportunities that are forever gone. I, too, wonder how many of us who are Christians purposed within our hearts to do more for Jesus this year than in the past. True, similar opportunities may present themselves, but those neglected ones can never be recalled. Will we, at the end of this new year, have the same sad thought of neglected opportunities? Let us begin this year with a determined will, saying as in Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

How many of us have a friend who went into eternity unprepared? Did we have an opportunity to speak a word to that friend about his soul? Did we make use of that opportunity? Not long ago an acquaintance of mine died unprepared to meet God. It was, indeed, sad. But I said, Thank God, I spoke to him more than once about his soul and about using his wonderful talent for singing to the glory of God; therefore I feel that I did my duty.

The young man mentioned above let the golden opportunity slip by until the last one had forever gone. How many of you young people are daily letting the opportunity to accept Christ flee from you? Please notice the following verse which to me has a very deep meaning:

"Not MANY lives, but only one have we,

ONE, only one; How sacred should that one life be— That narrow span."

Do we, as a nation, appreciate our freedom to worship Christ? Do we, as young people, appreciate the opportunity to learn how to worship Him? We (many of us) have been taught by Christian parents from childhood. What a wonderful opportunity we had to give our entire service to Christ!

I, for one, made use of the opportunity to accept Christ when a small child. Thank God! I am endeavoring to make use of the opportunities each year and hope to do more for Christ this year than ever.

Let us appreciate the Word of God more. How thankful we should be for the Bible Training School and for the Young People's Endeavor in which to learn the Bible, also for a place where we can do service for Christ, the Godhead, or trinity. We will use some of them if space permits.

In the beginning God said, Let us make man in our image. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." Heb. 1:1-3. On the right hand of the father. Psa. 110. "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

But he (Stephen), being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Acts 7:55.

Please read the whole fifth chapter of Revelation. Who is this sitting on the throne? God. Why did John weep? No man in heaven nor in earth nor under the earth was worthy to open the book in the right hand of God. Who was found worthy to open the book? Read the fifth and sixth verses. Who is the Lamb? Jesus, the Son of God. Did He take the book out of His own hand? No, ten thousand times no. This is too plain to be denied by any sound minded man or woman, let alone someone professing to have the Holy Ghost.

Say, friend, follow us just a little while. Were there three demonstrated at the baptism of John? Matt. 3; the transfiguration of Jesus? Mark 9. Jesus was present and a voice spoke out of heaven, "This is my beloved son: hear him." "Believe in God, believe also in me." St. John 14. He also speaks of the Comforter whom He will send. St. John 14. I am the true vine, my Father is the husbandman. St.

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God The Father

M. E. Drake

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him (Jesus) hath God the Father sealed." St. John 2:27.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." St. John 1:39-43.

My reason for writing these few passages of Scripture on this subject is because we are troubled on every hand with such doctrines as that God is the Christ Himself. We only hope our article will fall into the hands of those who hold to these things as well as to keep others from going astray from the truth.

The Apostle Peter says, "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 2 Pet. 1:17.

These that teach God is Jesus say that the word father doesn't mean anything, but Webster says the word father means the first ancestor, the progenitor of a race or family, as Adam was the father of the human race, Abraham was the father of the Israelites, also Abraham is called the father of believers or of the faithful. In Rom. 4 Satan is called the father of lies. In John 8, he introduced sin and instigates men to sin. Father also means one who begat a son.

It doesn't seem reasonable that anyone would follow such a doctrine when there are so many passages of Scripture teaching three persons in the Godhead, or trinity. We will use some of them if space permits.

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Notices To The Church at Large

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

CHURCH INTEREST

During the Christmas holidays the people who are interested in the Orphanage work, churches and friends, supplied the children with fruits, candies and many little presents that made them joyous and happy. Many checks came in with the request that we purchase such things as children should have at a time like this. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed to this worthy cause. From time to time the church people and those who have this work at heart have kept us supplied with enough money and other necessary things to keep the Orphanage work going.

Our Orphanage Octagon soap coupon drive is doing fine. We have received something over \$8,000 (but it takes thousands of coupons to secure as valuable an outfit as bathroom equipment). We also need fifty single beds for the children.

Thanking all those who have contributed in the past and in advance for your future aid, I remain

Yours truly, S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

We will have to keep before our people from time to time the general indebtedness proposition. While thousands of dollars have been paid on these debts, thousands of dollars have also been paid on interest. And while we are getting a good rate of interest from the banks, yet with the bulk of debts that the church is carrying the interest counts up fast.

As has been stated in previous issues, the Assembly ruling was that we should print coupon books. We figured up the amount of indebtedness and printed coupon books to cover the entire amount. The ruling of the Assembly was that each state overseer should have charge in his state and work thru his co-workers, district overseers and pastors, and this sale was to keep up until all

Milton, W. Va. Stirred For God

We came here about six years ago and started the work, but it went down and just one or two have carried the burden. When at the general Assembly we felt we ought to come here and so we came. God is surely blessing. The crowds cannot get into the church and the altar is far too small to hold the seekers. We have been offered the theater for Sunday nights, but that would not help us much. We thank the theater man for his kindness. He has been attending the meetings when he could get away from his theater and last night he was wonderfully saved and praised the Lord for it all. He gave us some wonderful music on the piano. The altar is full. One night we counted thirty seeking the Lord. Thirty or forty have been saved so far and ten or fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. We hope all will pray for us.—Evangelist D. R. Moreland and daughters.

I Want To Be a True Lover of God

I feel the very power of God in my fingers this morning as I sit down to write. The Lord saved me over a year ago and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I feel that He has a work for me to do and His coming is near. The more I study the Word the more God reveals it to me. I was asleep twenty-five years but I praise the Lord for waking me up to the way of right. In the last three weeks six have been filled with the Holy Ghost here in Lemmon, S. Dak. We have prayer meeting every night and are pressing the battle on in Jesus' name. Friends, this world is not our home and let us keep looking up to Him who saves us from our sins and gives us a home of eternal life. If the Lord spares wife, daughter and me, we want to spend next winter in the South, not that I am tired of the North but the testmonies make me homesick. Dear friends, pray for us people in Lemmon that we may stand true.—Your brother in the Lord, Mr. Ona Gummere, Lemmon, S. Dak.

books were purchased. The Assembly also decided that all those who had subscribed personally to this fund would still be obligated to pay same. There are something like two hundred and forty who subscribed at the 1929 Assembly who are still delinquent. The hard times have prevented these from paying their obligations. Now we sympathize with them very much and it is not with any degree of disrespect, nor with any object of making anyone feel that we are displeased in the least with their failure, but in pursuant of the duty imposed upon us by the Assembly, we will have to keep this before our people.

This debt was saddled on the Church by those in authority before the division came. Those who made these debts haven't paid one penny on them. The courts of Tennessee gave the Church of God the name and property thereby obligating them to pay these debts, and for the last four years we have gone about this. Including interest and principle, we have paid over thirty thousand dollars on these debts. Since the courts' decision we have steered clear of debt with the exception of the purchasing of the Boys' Farm and that has proved one of the most valuable assets that the Orphanage department has ever had. Think about it! under the awful strain, how God has blessed and enabled us to pay over thirty thousand dollars on these debts that were made by borrowing money thru the loan and indemnity department and from individuals by the thousands of dollars and not even trying to pay it. But since the courts' decision in favor of the Church of God, God has helped us in a wonderful way. Now it is nothing extra that we have done but I attribute all this to God's favor to His people and to His Church, the body of His Son.

Thanking all those who have contributed in the past and in advance for your future aid, I remain Yours truly, S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

Prayer Meeting Uplifting

VERBENA, Ala.—I still praise and thank God for His goodness and mercy to me, also for His healing power that cleanseth us from all sickness. I am glad because He picked me up out of the bed of affliction when it looked like there were no hopes, when doctors had all given me up. I can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me.

I have a little boy who has a bad head trouble. I want all who read this to pray for him that he will be made whole again. I know God can heal.

I praise God for our little service which we had in our home last Saturday night. Brother Isaac Moats conducted the praise service and Brother Byarn Stone brought forth the message. Brother Hobson Adams and his brother, Reddie, played the music. Brother Isaac Moats' wife and mother were here from Oak Grove, God surely did bless our souls. I am glad to have the saints of God in our home. It is uplifting to our souls.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. N. J. Pruitt, Rt. 1.

I Will Draw All Men Unto Me

TOLEDO, Ohio.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in Toledo. This is the second week of a revival. Nine have received the Holy Ghost and a number have been saved and sanctified. We surely are having wonderful crowds. At times we can't seat the people. It is wonderful how the church is growing. Jesus said in His Word, If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me. They are coming from all around. We are expecting to have a larger place as the crowd surely is growing. The sick are being healed. Everyone who reads this please pray for the church at Toledo and pray for the young people. The young people's meeting surely is growing. Your brother in the Lord, Mr. Ona Gummere, pastor, 728 S. Erie St.

Report From Marion Dist.

Wines of the Bible, Both Good And Bad

E. L. Moore

Much has been said in the Scriptures about wine both good and bad. You will note in the contrast of Scriptures given that one is a blessing and the other is a curse, so to be able to enjoy the one God gave as a blessing and to shun the one that brings the curse or has the penalty attached, it will be good to observe closely, not only the Scriptures given, but the influence of the ones who indulge.

"For lack of knowledge my people are destroyed." Hosea 4:6. I am sure it is for lack of knowledge that people err. A few Christians and many professors have erred thru ignorance of the Word of God, in this as in other matters, believing that the wine spoken of in one place as a "blessing" in another as the "poison of dragons" and the "cruel venom of asps" was one and the same. Wine is a generic term. Pliny, the historian, says in his day there were three hundred and eighty-five varieties of drink, all classified under the one name of wine. Three hundred and eighty-four were simply juices of fruit and only one would burn, that is, only one was alcoholic.

Capt. Fuller Richmond, a trader on the Mediterranean once said that grape juice was the common drink of the people and is called wine, and that fermentation (which produces the intoxicating influence) is prevented by filling the neck of the bottles with olive oil thus excluding the air by which the wine will be kept in its pure state for years. Therefore we can, without any doubt, say that the wine Paul advised Timothy to drink was the pure juice of the vine, one of the three hundred and eighty-four varieties. God gave the vine and its product to man in the beginning as a blessing, one of the choicest of fruits. Physicians will tell you that for strengthening and invigorating qualities no other can equal the grape. Some claim that the juice is closely allied to human blood. Many use it for medical purposes, for different ailments. To make the distinction between the two kinds of drink mentioned in the Scriptures more clearly understood, note carefully the following: "A blessing" and "a curse."

A BLESSING

"And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes: And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup." Gen. 40:10, 11.

The juice of the fruits (grapes especially) were called wine and used extensively in olden times, along with their food as we use milk or water at our meal time, and is still practiced in the eastern countries. You will note by reading the account of David's victory in landing the ark of the covenant in the house of Israel that they had a big shout and David danced before the Lord with all his might. After the ark was set in its place and all offerings made and the people blessed, David then gave to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine (the pure, good kind).

Another great feast is recorded in 1 Chron. 12:39, 40 when they assembled to make David king over all Israel and they were with David three days eating and drinking. They had meat, meal, cakes of figs, bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep abundantly for there was joy in Israel.

Moses in his song relates how they did drink the PURE blood of the grape, Deut. 32:14. Isaiah says, "Thus saith the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it." Isa. 65:8.

"I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in the corn, and thy wine, and thine oil." Deut. 11:14. (This has also its spiritual significance. See Joel 3:18.) This wine was to be tithe along with the corn, oil, flock, anything that was to be tithe. Deut. 14:15; Prov. 3:9, 10. Deut. 15:14 clearly indicates that the servant when sent away should be supplied. Quite a contrast to Lev. 10:9, 10; Hab. 2:15, and others.

Matt. 26:27-29 makes it very clear that the wine is the blood of the grape which Jesus used as a type of His blood. I'm sure the wine that Jesus made at the marriage feast was harmless as was the wine they were using at this special feast. As the custom (Please Look On Page Three)

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We have all orders for Sunday School literature filled-to-date and hope all our schools are well supplied. If you are not, please let us have your order for what you need.

You who have not yet read a Minute of the 25th annual Assembly should make your order at once. Every Church of God home should have a Minute and keep posted on the workings of the church.

Don't forget to work for the Church of God Evangel. This week Brother R. C. Cook sends us fifteen subscriptions; J. B. Weeks, four; H. O. Harris, four; M. F. Morton, four. We have received since last issue ninety subscriptions. Many, many thanks.

Eyes of Sinners Opened

FINLEY, Okla.—I praise the dear Lord for the five weeks' revival we have had at Finley. The dear Lord did bless here. We are thanking the Lord for sending Brother Neal. He has opened the eyes of several sinners here. The devil got mad as usual but God gave the victory. Twenty were saved, twenty-one sanctified, twelve received the Holy Ghost, and seven were baptized in water. The Lord blessed so one night that we stayed almost all night. Several signs were given that the coming of the Lord was not far off. Brother Kerse and the state overseer were with us one night. We were glad to have them with us.

It was sad when Brother Neal had to go. Everyone hated to see him leave. We are hoping the Lord will send him this way next year. If we meet on earth no more, we pray we will meet in the great beyond. Pray that I may stand up for the Lord until He comes or calls. A sister in Christ, Beula Mattison.

WANTS THE GOOD WORK TO GO ON

JAMESTOWN, Ky.—I praise God this evening for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire, and for a deep settled peace in my soul, a peace that flows like a river flowing into everlasting life. I praise God for His great mercies and goodness to us. He is blessing us with food and raiment and filling our souls with love divine.

I praise God for the church at Bernard. I want all who read this to pray for it to rise and shine. Our former pastor has gone to his home in Missouri. Sister Thomas is preaching for us. She held a two weeks' meeting in November. God surely did bless her in giving out the Word. We surely are proud of her. She is a spirit-filled woman, full of fire and power. Several seekers were at the altar and two claimed the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We want the good work to go on.

If there is a Church of God preacher out of a job, please come this way if the Lord leads. Please pray that the church will grow and prosper and that all of God's children will come together in love and union. Pray for Sister Thomas. She has returned to her home at Nancy, Ky. but if the Lord's willing she will be back. Your sister in Christ, Lizzie Bennett, clerk.

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS

JUPITER, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise to God for a two weeks' revival held here which began Nov. 3rd ending Nov. 17th. Elder Leo Cooper, of Ft. Myers was in charge. The

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Wines of The Bible, Both Good And Bad

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among the Jews was to have a feast at their weddings some, no doubt, like priests and cardinals, and other ministers of today turn God's blessings into a curse and use the fermented wine and have a terrible spree. I am sure the Christians of Christ's time, even before and since, did not. We note that the wine that Jesus made was the best.

It is a gross insult to the Trinity to accuse the Father or the Son of using or recommending alcoholic beverages such as are mentioned in "Satan's Snare." The fermented wine will intoxicate and is Satan's snare.

SATAN'S SNARE

Mr. Gladstone has said, "Drink has slain more than war, pestilence, and famine. Surely it has taken its toll. As we take up the subject of wine under this heading we refer to fermented wine, alcoholic, intoxicating beverages. Often the pure juice has lost its purity thru fermentation. This is where men take advantage of God's goodness and blessing and turn it to evil, the influence of which is degrading.

We refer to medical science to prove one point before we proceed with Scripture. Alcohol cannot be found in anything that has life (and I add, life giving qualities). Scientists, chemists, and other men of learning have sought in vegetable life, in animal nature, and in mineral product for alcohol but never have been able to find a trace of it in anything God has made. God is the author of life and alcohol is not in any living thing. Satan is the author of death and alcohol is the product of death and corruption. The fruit of the vine, the blood¹ of the grape, extracted or even exposed to air will soon take on the alcoholic nature. Germs enter then it loses its life (good qualities), hence is no more good for man or beast. Its intoxicant nature is what God condemns. It has no more life giving flow, but only death and evil, and in partaking of such we have no fellowship with God.

We will refer to some characters for example: Noah (being one) (Gen. 9:21) planted him a vineyard and drank of the wine and was drunken. Note the shame and embarrassment which followed. He let his wine ferment, lose its life. Lot (another example) was given intoxicating wine by his daughters, for evil. Gen. 19:32-35. Aaron was commanded, "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, lest ye die." Lev. 10:9, 10. Solomon in Prov. 21 said, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Be not among winebibbers, for the drunkard shall come to poverty." V. 29, 32. "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contention? They that tarry long at the wine. (We can make ourselves gluttons over new wine. We are commanded to be temperate in all good things). Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it gives its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

Isaiah said, "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink." They soon lose their power and strength. Isa. 5:11, 22. "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower. But they also have erred thru wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they err in vision, they stumble in judgment." Isa. 28:1, 7. They err in vision so are unable to aid us and their judgment is unworthy of even the smallest matters. Dan. 5 pictures to us a terrible calamity upon a king and his domain, this wicked king Belshazzar while he tasted the wine before his thousand lords he commanded that they get the vessels of gold and silver which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple of God at Jerusalem. And they all, the king and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank the wine and praised the god of gold and silver. This sight so sickened the great heart of God until immediately He reached out his hand and wrote the king's curse upon the wall. The king saw the sight and his countenance was changed, his thoughts troubled him so that the joints of his loins were loosed and his knees smote one against the other. What a terrible judgment, worse than death—death and hell that followed. We want you to note there was the good and godly man that refused to join this feast. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank. His vision had not been destroyed that he erred, neither in his judgment did he stumble, but was able to deliver God's message without fear. He was a true Christian and escaped this calamity. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink that putteth thy bottle to him and maketh him drunken also." Hab. 2:15.

In New Testament Scriptures Paul warns the Corinthians not to keep company with anyone called a brother if he be a DRUNKARD and not to eat at the table with him. 1 Cor. 5:11. Gal. 5:19-24 also classes the drunkard with the unrighteous that shall not enter into the kingdom. The fleshly class has the drunkard listed and said,

Opportunities For The Young People

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Not just because you want to can you speak foreign languages, play a brilliant air on the piano, or learn anything valuable—all these require study and striving. So does the Christian life to accomplish great things for God. Therefore, let us strive to make use of every opportunity in His service.

I like the song, "Let Your Light Shine Out." The cheery glow of prettily shaded lamps should not be selfishly penned inside your home. Share it with the passer-by. Even though a continuous stream of golden light flows from every window, your room will still be as full of light as ever, so do not be stingy. When you let your light shine you are giving cheer to your corner of the world or "brightening the corner where you are." Your light may remind some prodigal of another Home where the welcome lights still shine for him, where a Father is standing with outstretched arms awaiting his return.

Make every opportunity A gain and not a loss; Work on, pray on, and do not fear The bridge you'll never cross.

In conclusion, read the following verse, realizing that life is uncertain, and make use of this great opportunity.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

GOD THE FATHER

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John 16:5, "But now I go my way to him that sent me." Verses 16 and 17. "I go to my Father." St. John 6:40, 44. "And this is the will of him that sent me. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me to draw him." St. John 8:18, "The Father that sent me beareth witness of me." V. 38, "I speak that which I have seen with my father." V. 42, "For I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me." V. 54, "If I honour myself, my honour is nothing; it is my Father that honoureth me." St. John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me." St. John 10:17, 18, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." V. 38, "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

1 John 5:7-11, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son, He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." Read the whole chapter.

I will close with these remarks. I believe we can furnish over one hundred passages of Scripture proving that Jesus is the Son of God. There is much danger of the spirit of the antichrist. Beware of false doctrines for there are many afloat today. Sincerely yours for truth.

These shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Be not drunk with wine wherein excess (or riot) but be filled with the Spirit. Paul was a strict prohibitionist. He giving instructions to Timothy as to the qualifications of a bishop said, "A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, not given to wine." 1 Tim. 3:2-5. Also gave like instructions to Titus 1:7-16. 1 Peter 4:3, 4 is a real good testimony of one saved by grace, sanctified by the blood, filled with the Holy Ghost and kept from sin. "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, * * * wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them the same excess of riot." This surely is a good testimony for a converted drinker. God can redeem you from this sin just as He saves from others. The snare and curse has brought many a good man down. God is able to save to the uttermost and wants to redeem you now. Don't wait, you will be lost. (We are indebted to Mrs. H. L. Cowie for some historic data in the above.)

The last age before the millennium is the Gentile age. "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, EVEN NOW THERE ARE MANY ANTICHRISTS; WHEREBY WE KNOW THAT IT IS THE LAST TIME." 1 John 2:18. John lived in the earlier part of the Gentile age. We are living in the later part which is fast coming to a close. If many Antichrists were in John's day, we may expect many more in our day. The spirit of Antichrist is the spirit of deception. It gains ground as it deceives the people. A man's life is a true index to his character, so it can be easily seen what spirit rules or dominates today. All

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A BOOSTER FOR B. T. S.

—B. T. S.—

I just want to praise the Lord for permitting me to be here at Cleveland, Tenn. at the B. T. S. I have always wanted to come to the Bible School but never did get to come until this year. The devil tried to get me not to come but I came anyway. I went to the Assembly thinking I was going but my financial plans fell thru so I did not get to stay. I went back to Alabama broken-hearted. Brother B. L. Hicks and Brother W. W. Harmon said if I would come back they would pay my tuition. I did and I want to express my appreciation to them and to the ones in Alabama who helped me.

The other day I got off the train at Knoxville, Tenn., set my suitcase down in the waiting room, went outside. When I came back my suitcase was gone. Someone had stolen it. Don't you see he got all my clothes and a ten dollar Bible and all my sermon outlines just to keep me from going to school? Maybe the Lord will give me another Bible. I don't think I had rather be anywhere else in the world than here at B. T. S. I feel it is good to be here. I am a booster for the B. T. S. If you want to be in a real good old time Bible School, come to Cleveland, Tenn.—Your little brother in Christ, Owel Denson, Arley, Ala.

DOING ALL THE GOOD WE CAN

I truly do appreciate this great opportunity of writing a few lines to the Evangel to give this great institution a boost. How I have enjoyed being here in this good school. I think this has been my best term, and I even detest the thoughts of this being my last term for I want to feel as if I must come back again another term. It doesn't seem that almost half of this school term has glided away so swiftly, but that is how swiftly our lives expire.

I truly praise the Lord for counting me worthy to attend such a great school as this, where we can enjoy the presence of Him who sitteth upon the throne and be in the presence of ones who truly love the Lord and expect to do His will.

Our hearts become sad when we think of the lost and dying humanity that is going speedily toward eternity without Jesus in their life. When I begin to speak of lost souls there is something takes hold on me that is inexpressible.

Some day, and it won't be long, Jesus will sweep through the por-

tals of Glory and take us home with Him where there will be no heartaches. All sorrow will be forgotten. Our minds just cannot comprehend the good things Jesus has laid up for those who labor for Him.—Trying to become more humble, your sister in Christ from the Keystone State, Marie Smith.

Opportunity of learning More About Truths Of God

I truly praise the Lord this morning for the privilege I have of being here in Bible School. I am glad He opened the way and made it possible for me to be here. He is, indeed, a wonderful Savior to us. I praise Him for the many blessings He bestows upon us each day and for the way He blesses in the B. T. S. so the students from various parts of the country may have the glorious opportunity of attending and learning more about the great truths of God. At the beginning of this new year may we each one resolve to pray more and to grasp every opportunity to do more for the Lord throughout the coming year.—Lolis Blanton, Clearwater, Fla.

Pray That We May Do Something For Christ

—B. T. S.—

I can truly say I am glad to be in Bible School. I believe it's the best place on earth. We Bible students pray from eight to ten times a day. The Lord surely does bless us in many ways. Sometimes we get lonesome and discouraged but Jesus is so good. Listen, Jesus will stand by you and me

Far away from home
Lonesome and blue I seem to be,
But I can look to Jesus
And He will comfort me.

We just slip off in
Some secret place in prayer,
And it seems so good
And Jesus seems to be there.

So when you are lonesome and blue
And don't know what to do,
Just look to Jesus
He will see you thru.

I thank the Lord for what He has already done for me, but I want all who read this to pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost and pray that we students in B. T. S. might accomplish something for Jesus.—Your brother in Christ, Charles E. Griffard, Desloge, Mo.

REPORT FROM MARION DISTRICT

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again. We have such good unity there and where there is unity there is power. When you are passing by stop over at Wytheville, Va. It is the Church of God.

On New Year's night Brother Hicks and Brother Brown began a battle at Marion against the enemy. Please come over and help us for old smutty is here. He cannot stand love and unity. Let's pray for Brother Hicks' limbs that the Lord will heal him. We need such men in the Church of God. Please pray for our success for Jesus and His church.—Alex Shaffer, district pastor, Box 176, Pendleton St.

Church On Fire For God

GRANTHAM, Ja., B. W. L.—To all the dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and soon coming Bridegroom. I am here praising God for the wonderful way He has blessed us and is still blessing. I was directed by the Spirit of God with a wonderful message to this place that these people may be delivered from false doctrine and see the true way. If there ever was a time we needed to pray for people to get in the straight way it is now as there are so many paths leading off into the wrong way. Oh, if it were not for the dear old Church of God, I just don't know what I would do, but I love her more and more and see more than ever the need of her dear rules and government. There may be some people who have crept in unawares who fail to hew to the line but thank God the Church of God is right. Dear saints, the pressing time is coming. Satan is going to press in upon us but the Word says in Luke 16:16 for us to press into the kingdom, so while Satan is pressing us to make us get our minds off the Lord we need to press that much harder to enter into the kingdom and we need to do more for God than ever before. Pray for me to live closer to the Lord and do His will at all times and be able to escape those awful things that are coming upon the earth.—Yours in the service of God and His Church, Stella Watts.

who manifest the spirit of the Anti-christ have the Anti-christ spirit or religion. Those who have the true religion of Christ and are Christians. (If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Rom. 8:9.) Paul says this mystery of iniquity (or Anti-christ) doth already work. 2 Thess. 2:13.

church was set in order with ten members and up till now we have twenty-five on fire leaping and shouting and giving God the glory. Please pray for us.—Your sister in the fight, Mrs. L. E. Hudson.

Determined to Press Toward The Mark

ELDORADO, Ill.—Today still finds me saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the great Church of God. Thirteen years ago I received my experience and today I am more determined to press toward the mark for the prize.

While God is working in other places, we are glad He is working in Eldorado. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother J. P. Hughes. We also thank the Lord for the wonderful prophetic lectures, showing the signs of the soon coming of Jesus and what the effects of His coming will be upon the world. The entire book of Revelation was covered, and with the use of the chart, which was designed by our beloved Brother Lee, the revelation was made very clear and impressive to us and made us more determined to press toward the mark of the prize.

During these meetings eighteen were saved, seven sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. One of this number was a young man who said he had walked from New York. He came thru Gaffney and stopped for the night. He came to the brother's home where we were rooming and wanted to spend the night. They took him in their home, gave him supper, and invited him to service. He accepted the invitation. When the altar call was made he came to the altar and was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. He was an army boy. God will save anyone when they meet conditions.

He went out to the convict camp and held two services while there, also at the county home. The Lord blessed in these services. Sister Jackson helped in this meeting. Brother Whitington, the state overseer, also preached twice for us. Brother Chidlers, the district pastor, preached some for us. Brother J. R. White is the pastor and he is an humble man of God.

We closed the meeting Sunday night with the Lord's supper and feet washing. This was a sweet service. The saints cried, shouted, and talked in tongues. There are some good people at Gaffney and we love them.—Yours in the battle till Jesus comes, Myrtle Whitehead.

GOD WILL SAVE ANYONE

HARTWELL, Ga.—We closed a meeting at Gaffney, S.C. Sunday night, Dec. 14, which had continued for four weeks. The first two weeks we held the meeting in a large brick building in town. The Lord blessed while there. Many people became interested who had never been to any Church of God meetings before. Some were saved, sanctified, and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. We closed out there and went to the church just outside of town. We fought the enemy there for two weeks. The devil did everything he could to defeat us, but we fasted, cried, and prayed until victory came.

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A revival broke out in the beginning and the altar was full of earnest seekers each night. About twelve were saved and sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost. The power of God fell in every service. Waves of glory would come from time to time and we were made to sit in heavenly places. The house was filled to its capacity. Many were present from different denominations. Many Methodists, Baptists, Christians, and people of other denominations are falling in the altar for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Our overseer, Brother Scoggins, was with us Wednesday night and brought a wonderful message on "Sanctification or Holiness." The meeting has been in progress for two weeks and the end is not yet. We are expecting great things from the Lord for the town is stirred and many see the glorious light of the full gospel who never saw the light before.—Your sister under the blood, Bertha Summers.

A Good Church And Sunday School

BENTON, Ill.—I praise my blessed Savior for the way He is blessing my soul and for the way He is blessing His people in Benton. Never before in all the six years I have been a member of the church here have we had such large crowds in our services. The building which is about 45 ft. by 70 ft. is too small to hold all the people who are thirsting and hungering after righteousness. Even on our mid-week prayer meeting nights the house is full. Many people from other churches are looking this way and many sinners are giving their undivided attention and financial aid in supporting the cause. Sinners have said that this revival reminded them of the time when holiness was first preached in this country. We believe God will give us a good year here for the Church of God.

We are pleased to have Brother Donald as our pastor for the ensuing year. Let us as the Church of God at Quartz show our appreciation for Brother Donald by standing by Him with our prayers and means. We also extend our thanks to Brother Eades and Brother Watt for their faithful service.

I ask all to pray for the church here as we are few in number and need your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Gertrude Kilby.

Trying to Establish a Work in Nashville, Tenn.

I just want to say a few words in regard to the work in Nashville. We are doing our best by the help of the Lord to get a work started here. We have a very good building here and we are expecting God to work. I am just nineteen years of age. Brother Yates and

Obituaries

BRABSON

Hazel Brabson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Brabson, was born Dec. 2, 1912 and departed this life Dec. 30, 1930. She is survived by her father, mother, four sisters, and two brothers. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Chilhowie, Va. to await the resurrection.

Hazel was converted several years ago and joined the Church at Elizabethton, Tenn. of which she was a member until her death. It is true she grew cold in her experience at times but she was a child of great faith and prayer and her last testimony just before she died was that she was ready to go. Hazel was a good girl and was loved by those who were associated with her. It was hard for the family to have to give her up and they certainly have our heartfelt sympathy at this time. It was almost heart-rending to see and hear them bid her good-bye for the last time, but as they turned from her casket with the last ray of hope of seeing her any more in this life gone, we by faith got a glimpse of the reuniting over on the other side. Oh it will be wonderful on that great day of all days when the trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall awake and sing the praises of Him who gave Himself to destroy the works of the devil. There will be no more suffering or death, no more good-byes, but all will be joy and bliss forever. May these thoughts be a comfort to her loved ones who are left and may each live in a way that we may meet her on that great day.—M. W. Lestersinger.

MEREDITH

Our Brother T. B. Meredith had the misfortune of being trapped in the explosion of the mines at McAlister the later part of October. He was a faithful worker of the Church of God at Strawn, Texas, and was one of the number that the Church was set in order with in Texas in 1917. He leaves four children to mourn his loss, all of which are most grown, his good wife having passed away during the flu epidemic during 1918. Our dear brother is not dead but has gone to be with Jesus and his dear companion. His numberless friends regret very much his absence here, but we know that our loss is heaven's gain. —One who loved him, J. E. Messimer, Box 35, Strawn, Tex.

BLANTON

On Dec. 19, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colston Blanton and claimed for its victim their little darling babe Martha Wilburn Blanton. She would have been nine months old Dec. 25. She leaves a father, mother, one brother, four sisters and other relatives. She was very young but will be missed. God knew best and took her to rest where sickness and pain can never come again. The funeral was conducted by B. H. Enix and the body laid in the Ford cemetery, Banner Fork No. 1, Ky.

Father and mother loved her
But Jesus loved her best
So that is why He took her
To that land of peace and rest.

SMITH

On Dec. 17 the death angel visited the home of Sam Smith and called his wife away. She was eighteen years and two months old. She leaves to mourn her death her father, mother, husband, three brothers, four sisters. Funeral service was conducted at the home of her father and mother on Dec. 18 by Brother E. Hurphries and interment was made in the Church of God cemetery at Walhalla, S. C. She was saved and sanctified and is now waiting for the coming of Jesus.

Dear sister, you have left us,
We know that life was brief,
But how your leaving pained us,
It filled our hearts with grief.

When we saw you in your casket
Lying there so still and white,
You seemed to be an angel, darling,
With wings of snowy white.

O how bad we miss you
While here on earth we stay;
It's joy to know we can meet you
Again in heaven some sweet day.

From our presence you have been taken
And in Christ have fallen asleep,
Yet when we think of your departure
We can't help but weep.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard, so hard to speak
The words, "We must part."

We must not, will not, wish her back
To this land of sorrow and care
When all over yonder is fair and bright
And she is happy there.

All the years we spent together,
All the happy golden hours
Shall be cherished in fragrance
Sweet from memory's flowers.—One who loved her, her sister, Mrs. Dora Lee, Seneca, S. C.

WILKINS

The death angel visited the home of our dear Brother John Wilkins and claimed for its victim their darling little baby Bertha Ola, age one year.

nine months and a few days. Bertha was a sweet child and loved by all and we know our loss in heaven's gain for we know little Bertha is sweetly sleeping in the arms of Jesus. She has gone where there will be no more pain, sickness nor sorrow. It makes our hearts sad when we think of the little one gone from us in this land forever but if we will only live true to Jesus in this world, we know we can be with her forever and her little brother and sister who have gone on before. Many, many prayers went up but all in vain. She had been an invalid most of her life and her suffering was so great the last few days she was here. She leaves to mourn her death father, mother, four sisters, two brothers and many friends and relatives. Funeral service was conducted by our pastor, Brother J. M. Hartline, and her body laid to rest in the Good cemetery.

Sleep on, little Bertha, and take your rest,
We loved you dearly, but Jesus loved you best.

Those little lips hushed calling mama,
Those little eyes grew dim
When God sent His silent messenger
And took little Bertha to Him. — A sister in Jesus, Mrs. Herbert Cornelson, Trenton, Ala.

SMITH

On Dec. 6, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Beve Smith and claimed for its victim their little darling boy only twenty-two months old. Belva was sick twelve days with pneumonia. All was done that loving hands could do but God knew best and took little Belva home to rest. Brother and Sister Smith seem to bear their troubles very patiently as they know they can meet their baby again in heaven's bright shore. He leaves a father, mother, four brothers and five sisters. The funeral service was conducted at Fords Banner Fork school house by B. H. Enix and the body laid to rest in the church cemetery near Wallins Creek, Ky.

Yes, mother will clasp her dear boy
to her breast
And know that he is safe evermore.
How precious and sweet when loved ones we meet
On heaven's bright, beautiful shore.

GAFF

On Dec. 8 the death angel visited the home of Brother Gaff and took away his darling wife. She was sick just a few days. She bore her sickness with patience. She was sixty-five years of age. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. She left to mourn her departure a husband, one son, four daughters. We loved her, yes we loved her, but the angels loved her more. They have sweetly carried her to yonder shining shore. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Sanders and her remains were laid to rest in the Butler cemetery to await the resurrection morning.—One who loved her, Mary Granett, Lane, Okla.

FENLEY

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fenley of Chattahoochee, Ga. and claimed for its victim their little fourteen month old baby. It was born in Thomaston, Ga. July 10, 1929, died Sept. 22, 1930 and was buried the 23. Perry Adolph was sick only ten days. Father and mother loved him very dearly and oh how lonely is the home without baby. His death came as a shock to the family and friends but we know little Perry is sleeping in the arms of Jesus waiting and watching for loved ones. He is survived by father, mother, one sister-in-law, one brother-in-law, three sisters, five brothers, many friends and relatives. The parents have our deepest sympathy. Let us pray much for them that they will live in a way that they will meet little Perry some day. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Green and the little body laid to rest in the Rock Chapel church cemetery at Lithonia, Ga. If we are faithful, we know we will see little Perry again. He is not dead but sleeping free from sickness and pain and we can go to meet him when Jesus comes again.

Loved ones, look down on me as you pass by.

As you are now so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

A darling dear from us is gone,
To that fair land of joy and song,
O mother dear, and daddy too,
Let's meet this one beyond the blue.

Sleep on, dear Perry, and take your rest.

We loved you but Jesus loved you best.—A friend, S. B. Hilton, 300 5th Ave., Thomaston, Ga.

POLATTA

On July 11, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Polatta and called him home to be with Jesus. He passed away at nine o'clock in the morning. He was sick a long time with dropsy and heart trouble. He suffered untold agony but bore it all with patience. He said he wanted the Lord's will to be done. He was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and had been a member of the Church of God since 1915. Truly we feel that he was ready to go. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, three sons, one niece, one nephew and a host of friends who faithfully stood by him and prayed and helped right to the last. He was sixty-five years, seven months and two days old when he passed away. He was laid to rest in the Mingo cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. The funeral was conducted by an aged minister of the Baptist church, Brother Henderson of Cross City, Fla.

A little one from us is gone
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

Our darling little Kressia
Has left us all alone,
But we are going to meet her
On that golden shore.—Her aunt, Mrs. Ben Byrd.

A little one from us is gone
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

GARRISON

On Dec. 16, 1930 the death angel visited our home and claimed our darling little baby, Charles Spencer, age one year, three months, and nineteen days. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Iceman and the little body was laid to rest in the Wade cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. We feel sad and our hearts are heavy without dear little Charles, but we know he is sweetly resting in the arms of Jesus. We have a hope that we can meet our sweet little Charles around the great white throne of God where there will be no more parting but all will be joy, peace, and happiness throughout the ceaseless ages.

Loving hands that once caressed thee
Laid sweet flowers on thy breast,
But the fairest, sweetest flower
Was thy face, sweet baby dear.

Dear little Charles, how we miss you.
Miss your little smiling face,
Miss the cooing, happy laughter,
Yes, we miss you in every place.—
The ones who loved him dearly, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Garrison, Littleton, W. Va.

BEARD

BROWNING

On Dec. 7, 1930 the death angel visited the home of Brother Henry B. Beard and claimed as its victim his dear wife. She had been in ill health for over a year suffering with two diseases. She was so patient, never murmuring or complaining of her afflictions, but always talking about and praising the Lord. She was a faithful wife and a loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. She had been a member of the Church of God three years and lived a faithful and consecrated Christian life and trusted the Lord without medical aid till the end. The Lord was with her every bit of the way, giving her relief, and she passed away thanking and praising Him. She leaves behind a husband and seven children, not to mourn but to rejoice that they will see her again in that land of the eternal day. Her sweet, humble and meek life will ever be an inspiration to those who knew her.—One who loved her, Mrs. E. Hale, Crockett, Tex.

BYRAGE

On Dec. 6 the death angel visited the home of Sister Byrage and claimed their little son Willie Oscar Byrage, age three years. He was seriously ill only about thirty minutes before he died. Sister Byrage trusted God to the end. The remains were laid to rest in the High Splint cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. The funeral was conducted by the writer. We sorrow not as those that have no hope. Weep not for little Willie.—Charlie Garrett, High Splint, Ky.

SAILING ON

FRANKFIELD

Jamaica, B. W. I.—Dear Evangel readers and all the saints scattered abroad, greetings. With my whole heart I feel like sending a few lines to the Evangel. A few years ago we were marching on in Jamaica. God sent our dear overseer, Z. R. Thomas. He is a man of God and a cultivator of the gospel in Jamaica. He preaches the gospel in its fullness. Now we are not marching but sailing on. I can still report victory in my soul, still sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire, also still out for lost souls. I set a church in order at Grantham in September 1930 and conducted two baptisms. We also have a large Sunday School. Several churches have been established and more are being established. In January 1929 I went to John's Hall where the Lord led me to preach. A church was set in order there February 2, 1929 with twenty-three members. Their membership has increased to fifty-two and more are to be added. The name of the church is Largo Church of God, named for the Largo Fla. church as they helped in financing the building, although it is not complete yet.

I have been appointed district overseer for seven churches. I am almost ready to set a church in order in the Orange Hill district. I am pastoring three churches. Please pray for me that I may keep humble.—H. A. Hudson, pastor.

Another Church

FERNANDINA, Fla. — We thank God for a Macedonian call to come over and help. We went over and had meeting eight days. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Two souls were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, others were strengthened and the church set in order with six members Nov. 16, 1930 by Elder T. W. Wimberly. Three were baptized in water. We

Mission Department

Material for this department should be mailed to Zeno C. Tharp, Mission Secretary, 203 Parris Ave., Greenville, S. C.

NEWS FROM JAMAICA

A FAMINE

We are told in Amos 8:11 that there would come a famine in the land. This famine was not to be of bread or of water but of hearing the Word of God. Are we not in that age? Is there not a famine of hearing the Word of God now? The Red Cross, Salvation Army, and many other charity organizations are doing a wonderful work in providing food and raiment for the poor, unfortunate and poverty stricken people of these hard times. This is a wonderful work, but it is the mission of the Church of God to provide the gospel for the millions who are spiritually destitute. Let us get the work upon our hearts and rush to their rescue with our missionary offerings and make 1931 a record year for missions.

HAVE YOU FAILED?

Another year is passed. As we look back over the past we can see some mistakes and blunders and some places where we have failed to do our duty. This leads us to make new vows and resolutions. Most of us are going to try to do better. Perhaps there is no line we have neglected more or should move up on more than the mission cause. I do not want to be harsh or criticize anyone unduly, but some churches or individuals, is failing.

Again last month more was expended for missions than was received, and yet we have one less missionary than we had last year. We are in great need of another one but are not able to send any yet. The work is suffering because of this. Instead of going forward, we seem to be going backward. Is it possible that some of the preachers are neglecting this important matter or are afraid that if the people give to the missions there will be less for them? It seems to be true but the evidence shows that some one is holding back. I received

a letter yesterday, saying that a number of our pastors were not manifesting much interest in the mission work. This man has visited a number of churches and writes as follows, with a few minor changes.

"If the Mission Board could get the pastors interested, much would be done. They seem not to have the work at heart. The mission bands or societies have not been organized since the Assembly as the mission committee recommended. I think that our church at (home church) has not sent any mission money to Headquarters in over two years."

Could you imagine such a thing? Is it possible that Christian people would be so selfish as to settle down in a free country as we have, with good churches, and enjoy salvation while others without these privileges are crying for help. We are continually receiving letters just pleading for help. Many times if they just had a few dollars they feel like they could get by. But we have to write and tell them we just have nothing to send. Are you to blame?

The Imperishable Word

There Is Lots of Land To Gain

Anna Boyer, Phoenix, Ariz.

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Mark 13:31.

The Word of God is our sword and shield, our compass and guide. It is the foundation of our faith, the Rock of Ages. Without the Word of God we could do nothing. God writes the Word in our hearts when we are born again and no man can take it from us. It is "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Eph. 3:9. When we leave this world we can take with us as much of the Word as we have had wrought out in our hearts.

The Word of God purifies. It has power to cut into the very heart and soul. But with it there is a sweetness because it brings forth the fruit of righteousness. We believe every line of scripture between the lids of the sacred Book. If we did not we would be at sea—nowhere to place our confidence, nothing to stand upon, nothing secure—everything misty, vague, and uncertain. When you get to the place where you say, God, I believe it all from cover to cover, I believe all scripture is given by inspiration of God, you will be on a good road to salvation. The greatest teacher that ever came into the world was Jesus Christ; and the greatest text-book the world has ever had is the Word of God for it is the only book that teaches the way of righteousness and godliness. No other book can transform men's lives. Our eternal destiny hangs on our attitude toward Jesus Christ and the eternal Word of God.

One of the proofs that you are a child of God along with the witness of the Spirit and the forsaking of sin is that you question nothing in the Word of God. You believe it all and live it all. It is one of the earmarks of the Word of God. The Word of God is their meat and their drink. Every orthodox Christian believes in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, that it is indeed the actual words of God. We receive it, "not as the word of men but as it is in truth, the Word of God."

1 Thess. 2:13. Peter said, "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Pet. 1:21.

The reason people deny a portion of the Word is because they haven't the love of God in their heart. If they had, they would believe it. The birth of Jesus Christ in the heart makes that Holy Book a part of us. Any soul born again becomes a martyr for Christ, willing, if necessary, to give his life for the truth. Men have burned the Bibles; they have cast the Christians into dungeons and thrown them to wild beasts to be devoured but—they could not take the Word out of their hearts. For those old truths they stood unflinchingly. Infidels have torn the Word of God to pieces, denied and scorned it, but today the Bible is being published and circulated in greater numbers than ever before. The ig-

fids on their deathbeds have confessed there was a hell and that they were taking a fearful leap into the dark. After all the denials of infidels the Word of God remains true and infallible down the ages. God has fulfilled every promise to the very letter. "There hath not failed one word of all his good promises." 1 Kings 8:56. Oh there is something wonderful about the faith in our hearts in the sacred Book! We know it is true, not only because we have seen it fulfilled, but because when we were groping in darkness and unbelief the Lion of Judah prevailed and broke every chain and set us free.

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